

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

MARIANA SANCHEZ

VS.

WALMART, INC., WAL-MART STORES
TEXAS, LLC, AND WAL-MART
REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST

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C.A. NO. 2:20-cv-61

JURY DEMANDED

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441

TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE ENTITLED COURT:

Please take notice that Defendants, WAL-MART STORES, INC.,¹ WAL-MART STORES TEXAS, LLC, AND WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST, hereby remove to the Court the state action described below.

1. On December 16, 2019, a civil action was commenced, in the County Court at Law Number Two of Nueces County, Texas, entitled *Mariana Sanchez v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Texas, LLC, and Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust*, Cause No. 2019CCV-62107-2. A copy of Plaintiff's Original Petition is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

2. Service of summons and complaint was made on Defendants, WAL-MART STORES, INC., WAL-MART STORES TEXAS, LLC, AND WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST by process server on January 31, 2019. Defendants first received a copy of said Petition on December 24, 2019. A copy of the Citation is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

3. Defendants have filed an Original Answer, which is attached as **Exhibit C**, a Demand for Jury Trial, which is attached as **Exhibit D**, a Notice of Filing of Removal to Federal Court, attached as **Exhibit E** and List of Counsel of Record, attached as **Exhibit F**. Defendants have attached all process, pleadings, and orders in the State Court action as required by 28 U.S.C. 1446(a).

¹ Now known as Walmart Inc.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. The action is a civil action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under Title 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (Diversity Jurisdiction), and is one which may be removed to this Court pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 1441. There is complete diversity of citizenship amongst the parties. Defendant, Wal-Mart Stores Texas, LLC is a limited liability company formed under the laws of Delaware, with its principal place of business in Arkansas. The sole member of Wal-Mart Stores Texas, LLC is Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust. Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust is a Delaware statutory trust with its principal place of business in Arkansas. The sole unit holder of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust is Wal-Mart Property Co. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wal-Mart Stores East, LP. Wal-Mart Property Co. is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in the State of Arkansas. Wal-Mart Stores East, LP is a Delaware limited partnership, of which WSE Management, LLC is the general partner, and WSE Investment, LLC is the limited partner. WSE Management, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company, and has its principal place in Bentonville, Arkansas. WSE Investment, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company, and has its principal place in Bentonville, Arkansas. The sole member of WSE Management, LLC and WSE Investment, LLC is Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC. (f/k/a Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc.), whose parent company is Walmart Inc. (f/k/a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.). Walmart Inc.² (f/k/a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and has its principal place of business in the State of Arkansas. The sole member of Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC is Walmart Inc. (f/k/a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.). Plaintiff is a Texas citizen, with his residence in Nueces County, Texas.

² The name change from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. to Walmart Inc. became effective on 2/2/18. The citizenship of Walmart Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. remains the same.

5. The amount in controversy exceeds the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs. *See page 6 of Plaintiff's Original Petition.*

7. Venue is proper in the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division because this District and Division embrace the place in which the action is pending.

Dated: February 28, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument has been served upon all known counsel of record by Electronic Service on this 28th day of February, 2020.

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